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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1

Box CPA **Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continued prosecution application under 37 CFR § 1.53(d) of prior pending patent application Serial No. 08/765,046, filed on November 15, 1996 entitled NITROGEN OXIDE-REDUCING CATALYST AND PROCESS FOR REDUCING NITROGEN OXIDES IN EXHAUST GAS by the following inventor(s):

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The above-identified prior application in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. Please use all the contents of the prior application file wrapper, including the drawings, as the basic papers for the new application.

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2. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

The filing fee is calculated below on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 1 and 2 above:

## **CLAIMS AS FILED**

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TOTAL CLAIMS: 20	-20	0	x	\$0	\$0.00
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				TOTAL FILING FEE:	\$870.00

	Small e	entity status is claimed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27.
3.	$\boxtimes$	Payment of fees:
4.,	$\boxtimes$	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 to 1.18 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-2725.
5.		Priority of application Serial No. 86259/1995, filed on March 17, 1995 in Japan, and application Serial No. 117874/1995, filed on April 18, 1995 in Japan, and application Serial No. 194657/1995, filed on July 31, 1995 in Japan, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
6.	$\boxtimes$	The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. PCT/JP96/00637, filed March 14, 1996.
7.		The prior application is assigned of record to Osaka Gas Company Limited located at Osaka, Japan, and

EniTecnologie S.p.A. located at S. Donato Milanese, Italy.

8.	$\boxtimes$	The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to:						
		Merchant & Gould P.C. Minneapolis, MN 55402 (612/332-5300)						
9.	$\boxtimes$	A petition and fee to extend the term in the prior application until January 17, 2001 are enclosed herewith.						
10.		The inventor(s) in this application are less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventors identified above for the prior application be deleted:						
11.		Also Enclosed:						
12.	$\boxtimes$	Address all future communications to the <b>Attention of Douglas P. Mueller</b> (may only be complet agent of record) at the address below.	ted by attorney	OI				
13.	$\boxtimes$	A return postcard is enclosed.						
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Date: <u>January 3, 2001</u>